

This is Christianity in the *life*, and it is the Christianity that will help one, under any and all circumstances. These things we generally say of people after they are dead, but we see no reason why they should be withheld until then. Let the world know that Brother Herrington is a living witness to the power of Christ and to the influence of the Holy Spirit on the heart and life of man. May God bless our brother and multiply grace unto him, that he may live to do service for the Master. It is a greater thing to *live* for Christ—*live* in all that the word implies, than it is to *die* for Christ.

IN THE NAME OF RELIGION.

On our table there is a program of an entertainment of a Methodist Sunday-school in Chester, Pa. On the first page immediately under the announcement, is the advertisement of a large beer-brewing firm in Philadelphia, and the names of ten places in Chester where its beer is for sale on draught. Next to that is an advertisement of a hotel, front and rear entrances given; "Choice wines, liquor and cigars." On the third page, where the last section of the program, entitled "Fan Drills and Burlesque," and a farce, "The Seven Old Ladies of Lavender Town," is placed, there appears above it the advertisement of another brewing firm, with the names of twelve places in Chester where its beer can be bought; and above that is another large advertisement of another brand of beer, giving the name of the sole agent. At the bottom also, underneath the closing section of the program, is the advertisement of another brewer, who furnishes not only beer, but XX porter. The simple fact is, that there are forces at work that will absolutely ruin the moral power of the church unless they are looked after. The pastor should look after the superintendant; the superintendant after he teachers; and to make sure they are looked after, the Quarterly Conference should look after the whole. It would be easy to make a list of Methodist churches, now dead or dying, whose decline visibly began with some theatrical entertainment, dancing, picnic, or raffling, fortune-telling fair.—*Christian Advocate*.

True, every word of it, brother. The Sunday-school that announces such a program as above described, *ought* to die; and the church that permits it *will* and *ought* to die. They have no right to exist. The saloons and breweries advertised in the above named program, as well as all other saloons, breweries and distilleries, are the sworn enemy of the church

and school. To insert such advertisements in a Sunday-school program is to join hands with the devil. It is high time that such churches be brought to their senses. The school above referred to should be made to pay back every cent of the money taken from these advertisers. It is a dishonor to God, an injustice to Christianity and a disgrace to the church. Worldliness—downright *worldliness* is doing more harm to the cause of christianity than all other things. Over the door of every sanctuary should be inscribed the words: HOLINESS TO THE LORD. "Come ye out from among them and be ye separate," are the words of holy writ. Let the church go out after the lost—and go with a view of *saving* them, not spending their time, talent and money, on "Fan Drills," Burlesques etc. Less *worldliness* and more genuine *religion* is what we *must* have if we expect to take the world for Christ.

BE KIND TO MOTHER.

One morning the king's little page did not answer the bell as he was usually prompt in doing, and the king found that he was fast asleep. He at first intended to awaken him and tell him it must not happen again, but a playful thought seized him as he saw a paper in the boy's pocket. Taking this quietly from the pocket, he opened and read it. This was a letter from the boy's mother and thanked him for the money saved from his salary which he had sent to her. It had been a great help to her, as she was very poor. She told the boy if he continued to serve his God and his king faithfully he would not fail of success.

The king was so much pleased that the boy had been helping his mother that he placed a little sum of money with the letter and put both back in the pocket. After this the king rang the bell loudly, and the little page waked and hurried to his master.

"You have been asleep, I suppose," said the king.

The page stammered out an excuse; and in doing so he put his hand in his pocket and felt the money. Pale, and with eyes full of tears, he looked at the king imploringly.

"What is the matter?" said his majesty. "Oh," replied the boy, "somebody has contrived my ruin. I know nothing of this money!"

"What God bestows," said the king, using a German proverb, "He bestows in sleep. Send the money to your mother, and tell her that I will take care of both her and you."

Items of Interest.

—June 14, was the 118th anniversary of the adoption of the American flag.

—June 17 was the anniversary of the erection of the first monument to the battle of Bunker Hill.

—Statistics prove, that the average life of a total abstainer is thirteen years longer, than that of a moderate drinker..

—Russia and Japan have signed a commercial treaty, which will do much towards forming a lasting friendship between the two nations.

—Thousands of dollars worth of property were destroyed during the recent riots in Cheng-Tu, China. The missionaries there were unharmed.

—The Supreme Court has decided the Geary Chinese Exclusion act to be constitutional, and incidentally affirmed the general right of the United States to exclude aliens of all kinds.

—According to the *Voice*, the statistics of the liquor traffic in the United States show that the entire results of the labor of the people for one day in every nine go to the support of the liquor traffic. Truly this is a deplorable condition of affairs, and one of the chief causes of the present depression in business.

—The good accomplished by women's missionary societies, can at least partially be known when we realize the fact that there are, in the United States, Canada, England and Scotland thirty-four of these societies, whose annual collections amount to over a million dollars which is used in the support of 1,397 missionaries.

The events in Cuba have indeed become startling. Spain is thoroughly alarmed and preparations are under way to have 40,000 troops ready to sail for Cuba in August. The Spanish Senate has passed a bill which authorizes the Government to raise \$120,000,000, should such a large amount be necessary to put down the insurrection, while the insurgents are taxing the planters for the purpose of securing funds to carry on the work.

—A first cousin of William E. Gladstone, the great English statesman, died near Jefferson City, Mo., yesterday, in the person of David G. Steele, a Cole County farmer. Mr. Steele was born at the town of Bigger, Scotland, in 1813, and his mother was an aunt of the "grand old man" and came to this country at an early day, living for a while in Virginia and Ohio and coming to Jefferson City in 1865. He was a man of high character, and never boasted of his relationship to one of the leading statesmen of the world.